(b) About 90 m of road embankment at km 149/2 of NH-5 near Soro between Cuttack and Balasore washed away due to flood water has been restored. Two lane traffic was allowed on 6.11.99 after immediate restoration. Construction of H.L. Bridge at this location is propossed to be taken up during four laning of this NH and provision has been made in the Plan 2000-2001. Further restoration measures such as re-sectioning and paved shoulder have been proposed in the stretches where the embankment got reduced due to erosion by flood water and provisions have been made in the Annual Plan 2000-2001.

(c) Does not arise in view of (b) above.

Plying of Commercial Vessels on NW-II

1328: DR. SHRIMATI JOYASREE GOSWAMI MAHANTA: Will the Minister of SURFACE 1RANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the present position of infrastructure development plan in respect of National Water way No.-II; and

(b) the details of schemes which will be completed as per the plan for regular plying of commercial vessels?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) The infrasturcture development plan for National Waterway no. 2 for the 9th Five-Year Plan has been approved by the Government and details are given in the Statement *(See* below).

(b) Various Schemes under the plan are being implemented. Inland vessels are already plying between Calcutta and Pandu. Subject to availability of funds, the developmental plan as envisaged during 9th Five Year Plan would be processed.

Statement

Schemes/Activities for Development of National Waterway No. 2 during 9th Plan

(Rs. in Crores)

SI. No.	Scheme/Activity	9th Plan Approved Outlay
Ongoing Schemes		
1.	Floating Terminals	5.00
2.	24 Hrs Navigational aids	10.00

SI.No	, Scheme/Activity	9th Plan Approved Outlay
3.	Annual Fairway improvement/ conservancy works	10.00
4.	Terminal Maintenance	4.00
5.	Acquisition of Dredgers & allied vessels (Hydraulic Surface Dredger)	10.00
6.	Acquisition/Replacement of survey vessels	3.00
7.	Procurement of Survey Equipment	1.00
New Schemes		
8.	Pandu Terminal	25.00
9.	River Training works	2.00
10.	Acquisition of Dredgers & Allied vessels (Cutter Section Dredger Unit)	5.00
11.	Acquisition of Patrol Boats	1.00
12.	Pollution Control and EMP	1.00
13.	Organisation	1.00
14.	Procurement of tugs	2.00
15.	Repair and maintenance of vessels	1.00
16.	Floating river stations	1.00
17.	Slipway/Drydocks with marine w/s	1.00
18.	Check posts at Karimganj, Dhubri & Namkhana	1.00
	TOTAL	84.00

Conversion of Mahesana-Chanasma-Radhanpur Stateway as National Highway

1329. SHRI BRAHMAKUMAR BHATT: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposal of State Government of Gujarat for conversion of Mahesana-Chanasma-Radhanpur State Highway (165 Kms.) into National Highway is under the consideration of the Central Government;

(b) whether any additional information has been sought by the Central Government from the State Government;